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Subject: Stop, or I'll say 'Stop' again!

If I don't pay my taxes for 10 years while claiming that I have, and I'm caught, is the remedy that I'm told to start paying my taxes again? If not, why not?

Even if no harsher penalty is applied to Microsoft, it should be required, somehow, to be put in a position wherein it is worse off than it would have been had it never done anything illegal. Punishment usually involves more than the warning "Stop, or I'll say 'stop' again"!

When corporations have more power than ever before, the government should redouble its efforts not to be swayed by corporate power. What I see instead is a government that did too little, too late, and now has to bow to the will of its corporations.

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